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DOCJT COMMISSIONER PRESENTS AWARD TO JESSAMINE COUNTY SHERIFF

LEXINGTON, KY – Department of Criminal Justice Training Commissioner John W. Bizzack presented the Governor's Award for Outstanding Contribution to Kentucky Law Enforcement to Jessamine County Sheriff Joe Walker today. Walker received the award at a ceremony during the Kentucky Sheriffs' Association's annual conference.

The award, which is administered by DOCJT, honors an individual who significantly advances Kentucky law enforcement in the areas of Peace Officer Professional Standards, law enforcement training, or professional development, or exhibits exemplary leadership that has resulted in the advancement of law enforcement in the state or nominee's community.

Sheriff Walker began his career with the Jessamine County Sheriff's Office in 1985 as chief deputy. Four years later, at the age of 28, he became the youngest person ever elected as sheriff of Jessamine County. During his tenure as sheriff, Walker has always attempted to improve law enforcement both in and out of Kentucky. He is the president of the Kentucky Sheriffs' Association and is a member of the National Sheriffs' Association. He is also a member of the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council and Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation Board of Directors.

Commissioner Bizzack praised Walker for the instrumental part he has had in improving law enforcement across the Commonwealth.

"Sheriff Walker's role in the ongoing initiatives to advance the Kentucky police community is significant. He has not only been an active member of the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council, which oversees all training curricula and certifications, but he has led with an active voice in numerous programs ranging from the Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation to the development of a police sergeant's academy," Bizzack said during the ceremony. "He is recognized today for his willingness to give of his time to be engaged in critical issues; support of all ongoing efforts to advance Kentucky law enforcement; and, for his unique leadership and assistance to the Commonwealth of Kentucky."

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